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WORLD MEAT CONSUMPTION

During 1965 meat consumption per person increased sharply in a few countries, but for the majority consumption either remained about steady or dropped slightly from a year earlier. World meat supplies were up about 2.7 percent in 1965. With world population increasing at the rate of 2.2 percent per year, it would indicate a slight over-all increase in world meat consumption. Changes in consumption by country were closely related to changes in domestic supplies, as the volume of meats moving in international trade was about the same as a year ago. Increased incomes and a growing demand for meat pushed prices upward in most markets throughout the world.

Argentina and Uruguay showed the sharpest increases in per capita meat consumption--up 24 and 14 pounds, respectively. Uruguay was the world's leading meat consumer again in 1965 with 235 pounds per person. Consumption rates were unchanged in most of Western Europe and Japan where steady increases had been registered over the past 10 years. Important declines took place in some of the traditional high meat consuming countries. Per capita consumption was down 9 pounds in Australia, 8 pounds in the United States, 3 pounds each in the United Kingdom and Canada.

Beef and Veal. World beef and veal production increased slightly less than world population in 1965. The volume of trade in beef was also down in 1965, thus making beef supplies somewhat shorter in the major importing countries. Short supplies of beef and veal were reflected by higher prices in the world markets.

Most of the countries of Western Europe, including EEC, recorded moderate declines in beef and veal consumption in 1965. Domestic supplies did not keep pace with the growing demand, and imports were slightly under those of a year earlier. Beef and veal consumption in the United States,

Mexico and Canada was virtually unchanged. Australia showed her first drop in consumption since 1961. This was related to the reduced supplies due to rebuilding after the drought and to higher world beef prices which served to drain down domestic supplies.

The most dramatic increases in beef and veal consumption took place in Argentina and Uruguay. Argentina showed the greatest increase--up 17 percent to 172 pounds per person. The sharp increase in Argentina was due mainly to declines in exports and increased beef production. This increase in consumption occurred despite continuation of beefless days and higher retail prices. Uruguay was the number one beef and veal consumer with 181 pounds per person.

Pork. Pork consumption in the EEC and many other Western European countries increased in 1965. Pork production showed some rather substantial gains in many of these countries. Although pork consumption dropped 4 pounds per person in Denmark during 1965, the Danes retained the top position in world pork consumption with 75 pounds. Denmark was followed closely by West Germany with 74 and Austria with 72 pounds per person.

Consumption of pork in the United States dropped to 59 pounds, the lowest in nearly 3 decades. This was due to the sharp reduction in domestic pork supplies. U.S. pork imports were up 25 percent over a year earlier, but this was not enough to maintain supplies of pork. Consumption in Canada was also down 3 pounds per person in 1965.

Lamb, Mutton and Goat. Consumption of lamb, mutton and goat varies sharply from country to country, ranging from less than one half pound per person to as high as 89 pounds. New Zealand and Australia are the two leading consumers with 89 and 85 pounds per person, respectively. The next highest country was Uruguay with 37 pounds. Lamb, mutton, and goat consumption in the United States has shown no trend in the past 15 years and averages around 4 pounds per person annually.

Beef and veal 1/: Per capita consumption in specified countries, average 1956-60, annual 1961-65

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada 2/	77	79	78	80	85	87
United States 2/ 3/	91	93	94	99	105	105
Mexico	26	25	26	25	25	25
South America:						
Argentina	188	179	188	190	154	172
Brazil	46	40	39	38	39	36
Chile	43	44	42	37	38	30
Colombia	51	52	54	53	54	53
Paraguay	127	114	105	100	112	110
Peru	16	15	18	19	18	18
Uruguay	164	157	146	172	167	181
Venezuela	34	44	43	44	46	46
Europe:						
Western						
EEC						
Belgium and Luxembourg	49	51	54	58	54	52
France	65	71	71	72	71	71
Germany, West	39	45	48	49	48	46
Italy	26	32	35	40	37	35
Netherlands	40	43	47	49	39	41
EEC	44	48	51	53	51	50
Austria	40	41	45	44	44	41
Denmark	42	35	40	30	35	37
Finland	35	38	40	43	47	47
Greece	8	11	17	22	22	23
Ireland	28	26	29	31	31	32
Norway	31	33	33	33	35	33
Portugal	11	15	15	15	13	17
Spain	12	13	15	18	17	17
Sweden	41	43	43	44	43	41
Switzerland	45	50	55	50	55	50
United Kingdom	60	58	59	60	57	51
Eastern						
Bulgaria	21	19	22	25	--	--
Czechoslovakia	31	38	42	41	43	--
Germany, East	4/	36	39	35	--	--
Hungary	25	26	27	30	26	--
Poland	23	23	27	31	32	--
Yugoslavia	14	13	16	15	11	13
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	26	25	28	29	30	--
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of	55	54	53	60	55	56
Asia:						
Japan	3	4	4	4	5	5
Philippines	9	5	7	6	7	7
Oceania:						
Australia 5/	125	85	95	103	108	101
New Zealand 6/	107	96	104	105	105	7/ 109

1/ Carcass weight basis. 2/ Includes changes in stocks; civilian consumption. 3/ Alaska and Hawaii included beginning 1960. 4/ Not available. 5/ Year ending June 30. 6/ Year ending September 30. 7/ New Zealand Meat Producers Board.

Pork 1/: Per capita consumption in specified countries, average 1956-60, annual 1961-65

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada 2/	51	52	52	51	52	49
United States 2/ 3/	64	62	64	65	65	59
Mexico	13	11	12	12	11	11
South America:						
Argentina	18	19	16	15	17	21
Brazil	16	16	17	16	16	16
Chile	8	8	7	7	6	6
Colombia	8	9	8	7	7	7
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--	--
Peru	8	8	8	8	9	9
Uruguay	17	19	19	19	19	17
Venezuela	11	10	11	11	11	10
Europe:						
Western						
EEC						
Belgium and Luxembourg	48	43	44	39	42	48
France	48	57	61	59	61	61
Germany, West	64	71	74	72	74	74
Italy	20	17	18	17	20	21
Netherlands	47	50	53	49	52	61
EEC	45	46	50	49	51	53
Austria	65	69	69	68	68	72
Denmark	83	88	83	78	79	75
Finland	4/	31	32	32	32	32
Greece	7	7	11	13	11	11
Ireland	48	52	53	54	57	56
Norway	34	35	34	35	33	34
Portugal	24	25	23	23	22	21
Spain	18	19	20	24	25	--
Sweden	57	54	55	54	55	57
Switzerland	54	57	56	58	62	62
United Kingdom	43	56	59	64	61	65
Eastern						
Bulgaria	25	30	30	27	--	--
Czechoslovakia	59	58	55	57	60	--
Germany, East	5/	67	57	65	--	--
Hungary	61	53	63	59	54	--
Poland	56	62	57	50	49	--
Yugoslavia	23	25	22	21	27	21
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	26	28	30	31	20	--
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of	7	7	6	7	6	6
Asia:						
Japan	4	5	8	7	7	8
Philippines	17	16	18	18	18	20
Oceania:						
Australia 6/	20	23	25	24	23	24
New Zealand 7/	32	34	33	33	35	8/ 36

1/ Carcass weight basis. 2/ Includes changes in stocks; civilian consumption. 3/ Alaska and Hawaii included beginning 1960. 4/ Included in total consumption. 5/ Not available. 6/ Year ending June 30. 7/ Year ending September 30. 8/ New Zealand Meat Producers Board.

Mutton, lamb and goat meat 1/: Per capita consumption in specified countries, average 1956-60, annual 1961-65

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada 2/	2	4	4	4	3	3
United States 2/ 3/	4	5	5	5	4	4
Mexico	3	4	3	3	3	3
South America:						
Argentina	14	13	13	11	11	13
Brazil	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chile	8	7	7	7	6	6
Colombia	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--	--
Peru	8	8	8	8	7	8
Uruguay	39	36	35	34	35	37
Venezuela	1	4/	4/	1	1	1
Europe:						
Western						
EEC						
Belgium and Luxembourg	1	1	1	1	1	1
France	6	7	7	6	6	7
Germany, West	1	1	1	1	1	1
Italy	2	2	2	2	2	2
Netherlands	1	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
EEC	3	3	3	3	3	3
Austria	1	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Denmark	1	1	1	1	1	1
Finland	5/	1	1	1	1	1
Greece	21	22	25	28	28	32
Ireland	20	24	25	25	25	24
Norway	9	9	10	9	9	10
Portugal	5	6	5	5	5	5
Spain	7	8	8	9	9	--
Sweden	4/	1	1	1	1	1
Switzerland	1	1	2	2	1	1
United Kingdom	24	27	26	25	25	24
Eastern						
Bulgaria	14	14	17	17	--	--
Czecloslovakia	2	2	2	2	2	--
Germany, East	6/	4/	4/	4/	--	--
Hungary	2	1	1	1	2	--
Poland	2	2	2	2	1	--
Yugoslavia	6	5	6	5	4	4
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	8	8	9	9	9	--
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of	16	16	17	19	18	16
Asia:						
Japan	4/	1	1	1	2	1
Philippines	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Oceania:						
Australia 7/	84	97	96	90	88	85
New Zealand 8/	83	98	96	95	93	9/ 89

1/ Carcass weight basis. 2/ Includes changes in stocks; civilian consumption. 3/ Alaska and Hawaii included beginning 1960. 4/ Less than 0.5 pounds. 5/ Included in total consumption. 6/ Not available. 7/ Year ending June 30. 8/ Year ending September 30. 9/ New Zealand Meat Producers Board.

Horse meat 1/: Per capita consumption in specified countries, average 1956-60, annual 1961-65

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada	--	--	--	--	--	--
United States	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mexico	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
South America:						
Argentina	--	--	--	--	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	--	2/	--
Chile	--	--	--	--	--	--
Colombia	--	--	--	--	--	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--	--
Peru	--	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	--	--	--
Venezuela	--	--	--	--	--	--
Europe:						
Western						
EEC						
Belgium and Luxembourg	6	7	7	7	8	8
France	5	5	5	5	5	5
Germany, West	2/	1	1	1	1	1
Italy	2	2	2	2	2	2
Netherlands	3	4	3	3	4	3
EEC	2	3	3	3	3	3
Austria	2	2	2	2	2	2
Denmark	1	1	1	1	1	1
Finland	3/	2	2	2	2	2
Greece	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--
Norway	1	1	1	1	2	2
Portugal	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spain	1	1	1	1	1	--
Sweden	4	4	3	3	3	3
Switzerland	2	3	3	2	2	2
United Kingdom	--	--	--	--	--	--
Eastern						
Bulgaria	1	2/	1	--	--	--
Czechoslovakia	1	1	1	1	2/	2/
Germany, East	4/	2/	2/	2/	--	--
Hungary	3	4	2	1	1	--
Poland	1	1	1	1	1	--
Yugoslavia	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	2	2	2	2	2	--
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asia:						
Japan	1	1	1	1	1	1
Philippines	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Oceania:						
Australia	--	--	--	--	--	--
New Zealand	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Carcass weight basis. 2/ Less than 0.5 pounds. 3/ Included in total consumption. 4/ Not available.

Total meat 1/: Per capita consumption in specified countries, average 1956-60, annual 1961-65

Continent and country	Average 1956-60	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
North America:						
Canada 2/ 3/	136	135	135	140	146	143
United States 2/ 4/	159	161	163	169	175	167
Mexico	42	40	41	40	39	39
South America:						
Argentina	220	211	217	216	182	206
Brazil	64	57	57	56	57	54
Chile	59	59	56	51	51	43
Colombia	59	61	62	60	61	60
Paraguay	127	114	105	100	111	110
Peru	32	31	33	35	35	35
Uruguay	220	211	200	226	221	235
Venezuela	46	55	54	56	58	56
Europe:						
Western						
EEC						
Belgium and Luxembourg	104	102	106	105	105	109
France	124	140	144	142	143	144
Germany, West	104	117	123	122	123	121
Italy	50	53	57	61	61	60
Netherlands	91	97	103	101	95	105
EEC	94	99	106	107	107	108
Austria	108	112	116	114	114	115
Denmark	127	125	125	110	115	114
Finland	69	72	75	78	82	82
Greece	36	40	53	62	62	66
Ireland	96	102	107	110	113	112
Norway	75	78	78	78	79	79
Portugal	41	46	45	44	41	44
Spain	38	41	44	52	52	--
Sweden	102	101	102	102	102	102
Switzerland	102	111	116	112	120	115
United Kingdom	127	141	144	149	143	140
Eastern						
Bulgaria	59	63	69	68	--	--
Czechoslovakia	93	98	100	100	106	--
Germany, East	5/	104	96	101	--	--
Hungary	89	84	93	92	82	--
Poland	82	86	83	83	83	--
Yugoslavia	43	44	44	41	41	38
U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia)	62	63	68	71	61	--
Africa:						
South Africa, Republic of	78	76	76	85	78	79
Asia:						
Japan	8	10	12	13	15	15
Philippines	26	22	25	24	25	27
Oceania:						
Australia 6/	229	205	216	217	219	210
New Zealand 7/	222	228	233	233	233	8/ 234

1/ Carcass weight basis. 2/ Includes changes in stocks; civilian consumption. 3/ Includes canned meat. 4/ Alaska and Hawaii included beginning 1960. 5/ Not available. 6/ Year ending June 30. 7/ Year ending September 30. 8/ New Zealand Meat Producers Board.

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